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## **Annual Cyber Quests Competition Opens Today**

Top Competitors to Qualify for US Cyber Challenge Summer 2017 Cyber Camps

**Washington, D.C., April 3, 2017** – Today, the annual Cyber Quests online competition opened to competitors. Cyber Quests determines who qualifies for the U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) Summer Cyber Camps, a leading nationwide program in cybersecurity workforce development. The competition will be open for approximately three weeks, closing on Sunday, April 23, 2017. To register and compete, visit uscc.cyberquests.org.

**Competition Dates:** Monday, April 3, 2017 – Sunday, April 23, 2017

Website: www.CyberQuests.org

**Camp Information:** www.USCyberChallenge.org

The Cyber Quests competition and USCC camps are designed to improve cybersecurity skills, provide training & mentorship from renowned instructors and highlight skills for potential employers. For this specific Cyber Quests, competitors will be provided with forensic artifacts that they must analyze to identify devices, network activity, and attacks.

For Cyber Quests, participants will have 24-hours to complete the competition, beginning from the time they begin answering questions. Winners are determined based on who achieves the highest score in the shortest amount of time, and top performers who are 18 years or older and U.S. citizens, will then be eligible to receive an invitation to one of the week-long Cyber Camps offered across the country. The three camps will be hosted by the University of Delaware, Moraine Valley Community College (Illinois), and Southern Utah University.

To learn more about Cyber Quests, visit the website at <u>USCC.CyberQuests.org</u>. Details about the summer camps are on the U.S. Cyber Challenge website – www.USCyberChallenge.org.

## **About U.S. Cyber Challenge:**

U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) is a program supported by the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate through a contract with the Center for Internet Security, a 501(c)3 organization, and has the mission to significantly reduce the shortage in the cyber workforce by serving as the premier program to identify, attract, recruit and place the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. USCC's goal is to find 10,000 of America's best and brightest to fill the ranks of cybersecurity professionals where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation. For more information, visit www.USCyberChallenge.org.